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The following is a summary of Soviet military activity along the Iranian border for the period 21-25 September 1951.

1. Pol Dasht

21 September

One of the trains going eastbound from Nakhichevan to Dzfulfa was composed of 31 freight cars, 20 cars carrying armed soldiers, one car carrying four antiaircraft machine guns, and 20 cars carrying 20 tanks.

25 September

Eight jeeps, 35 trucks, eight antiaircraft machine guns, and about one regiment of armed soldiers arrived at the Soviet frontier post opposite Iranian Qurag. Later in the day these troops and materiel were entrained in 49 cars for Nakhichevan.

2. Dzfulfa

22 September

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Dzfulfa: Four autos, 24 trucks, one jeep, four medium tanks, and seven busses carrying about 135 armed soldiers.

On one freight train eastbound from Nakhichevan to Dzfulfa were observed two armored cars, two guns, and five antiaircraft machine guns.

Nine autos, 33 trucks, one jeep, three medium tanks, and 170 soldiers engaged in maneuvers on the road from Nakhichevan to Dzfulfa.

23 September

On one train westbound from Ordubad to Nakhichevan six new cannon were observed; these guns were of a design never before seen in this area.

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3. Khuda Afarin

22 September

Among westbound rail traffic between Ordubad and Dehulfa were two trains composed of freight and tank cars carrying 45 trucks, four antiaircraft machine guns, six guns, and 12 carloads of armed soldiers.

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